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To whom it may concern:

I believe that there is a period of time whereby the Department of Justice accepts public commentary regarding the Microsoft settlement case. I am writing regarding that matter.

I am an average jane working in the educational IT industry, and I feel very strongly that Microsoft's dominance in the operating system, office suite, and internet browser business represents a clear threat to competition from any other company. I am strongly opposed to any sort of settlement that allows Microsoft to maintain this position. This country is founded on fair competition and it is ludicrous to think that any other company, even giants like IBM or AOL Time Warner, can edge into any of those three categories successfully. At the University where I work, use of the Netscape browser has declined in the last year to just 6%. People who are not very adept with software and computer technology often don't realize that they even have a choice! I speak with students every day who believe that getting onto the internet can only be done with Internet Explorer because that was what showed up on their desktop the first time they booted up a computer!

Microsoft exemplifies a monopoly. I hope the Department of Justice will not allow Microsoft to weasel its way out of restructuring.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Regards,

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